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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: MASS, BE, US

SUBJECT: ADVERSE NEWS STORIES APPEAR ON F-16

1. A NEWS TEAM, DATELINED WASHINGTON AUG. 6 AND ATTRIBUTED TO DOD OFFICIALS, HAS RECEIVED WIDESPREAD PUBLICITY IN BELGIUM OVER ARMED FORCES NETWORK, AND IN INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE AND LOCAL BELGIAN PRESS. GIST OF ITEM REPORTED BY AP AND AFP IS THAT THE POSSIBILITY OF WORLDWIDE SALES OF 3,000 F-16S WERE OVERSOLD "SOME KEY DEFENSE OFFICIALS ARE ADMITTING.... NOT A SINGLE NEW F-16 SALE HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED IN THE 14 MONTHS SINCE (THE EUROPEAN CONSORTIUM) AGREED TO BUY 348 OF THE PLANES... IN THE F-16."

2. ACTION REQUESTED: STATEMENTS WHICH CAN BE TURNED IN THIS FASHION ARE OBVIOUSLY NOT HELPFUL FOR US AND FOR THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMPANIES INVOLVED IN MAINTAINING A GOOD CLIMATE IN WHICH TO

CARRY ON THE PRESENT FINAL CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS. WOULD APPRE-  
CIATE CLARIFICATION AND GUIDANCE WHICH CAN BE USED WITH BELGIAN  
OFFICIALS AND MEDIA ASAP.RENNER

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